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Dworshak offers firewood to seniors, physically disabled

AHSAHKA, Idaho – Dworshak Dam and Reservoir staff are offering pre-cut Douglas Fir firewood to senior citizens and people with physical disabilities, natural resources staff at the dam announced today.

Beginning Monday, Oct. 1, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir will allow senior citizens and physically disabled people to gather firewood from a wood pile staged at the back of the Bruce's Eddy boat ramp area.

"There are about ten cords of wood that are well dried and pre-cut into manageable sizes," said Park Ranger Donna Bryant. "Very little chainsaw work will be required."

Prior to cutting and/or gathering, a wood-cutting permit will need to be obtained from rangers or uniformed staff at the Dworshak Visitor Center during business hours – Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Proof of age and/or disability must be provided. Permits cost \$10 and allow the holder to cut up to five cords of firewood. Permit holders will be allowed one load – not to exceed one cord – of wood per day and will need to register in advance for a cutting/gathering time period. Cutting/gathering time periods will be scheduled during business hours. This wood is for personal use only – resale of the firewood is not allowed.

Those already holding Corps of Engineers Dworshak Dam and Reservoir permits and wanting to gather/cut wood from the pre-cut timber pile should contact the Dworshak Visitor Center staff at (208) 476-1255 to register for a time slot.

Permit holders may bring helpers with them, but are limited to one saw per permit. Ear, eye, leg and foot personal protective equipment is recommended for all wood cutters.

As in past years, the Dworshak staff anticipates additional dry firewood will be available in coming weeks to the general public at the Bruce's Eddy area. The Corps will issue an announcement when that wood is ready and the general public can apply for cutting-gathering permits.

For more information, call (208) 476-1274 or (208) 476-1255.

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